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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
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BOARD OF COURT REPORTING

IN THE MATTER OF

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GERALDINE A. DeLELLIS, C.C.R. Certificate No: 30XI00144700

FOR LICENSURE TO PRACTICE
COURT REPORTING IN THE STATE
OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the State Board of Court Reporting, (hereinafter the "Board") upon receipt of a reinstatement application for certification as a court reporter in this State filed by Geraldine A. DeLellis, C.C.R. in or about May 2008.

Review of this matter revealed that Ms. DeLellis was initially issued a certificate to practice court reporting in

this State on or about July 1, 1986. The Board's records indicate however that Ms. DeLellis's certificate expired on June 30, 2004 and that she failed to renew her certificate since that date. Ms. DeLellis's certificate was automatically suspended without a hearing based on the failure to renew the certificate. Therefore, Ms. DeLellis's certificate was suspended for the 2004-2006 and 2006-2008 licensure periods. On or about May 2008, Ms. DeLellis paid the required reinstatement fee and the renewal fees for the biennial periods of 2004-2006, 2006-2008 and the current 2008-2010, totaling \$750.00. The Board, at its July 2008 meeting, voted to reinstate Ms. DeLellis's court reporting certificate.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Board, and Ms. DeLellis admitted, that she engaged in the practice of court reporting without a valid certificate after July 1, 2004 and until the present time, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(c).

It appearing that Geraldine A. DeLellis, C.C.R., desires to resolve this matter without the need for formal disciplinary proceedings; and the certificate holder acknowledging and not contesting the findings of fact and conclusions of law made by the Board; and the Board having been satisfied that the within resolution adequately protects the

public health, safety and welfare, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS ON THIS & day of FEBRUARY 2009,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Geraldine A. DeLellis, C.C.R., is hereby formally reprimanded for her conduct as described above, namely, the unlicensed practice of court reporting, in violation of $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A}}$. 45:1-7.1(c).
- 2. Ms. DeLellis is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500.00 for engaging in the unlicensed practice of court reporting in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(c). Payment of the civil penalty shall be paid by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the State Board of Court Reporting, to the attention of Dianne L. Tamoroglio, Executive Director of the Board, at 124 Halsey Street, Post Office Box 45019, Newark, New Jersey 07101, and sent simultaneously with the entry of this Order.

In the alternative, Ms. DeLellis may notify the Board office, prior to the entry of this Order, that she will pay the civil penalty, totaling \$1,500.00 in equal monthly installments payments of \$125.00 for a total of twelve (12) months. The first payment shall be due on the fifteenth of each

month beginning March 15, 2009 and every month thereafter until the total amount is paid in full.

Any failure to make any installment payment within ten (10) days of the due date shall cause the entire remaining balance to become immediately due and payable without further notice. Further, failure to pay the penalty within the time period allotted above will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt, including the applicable interest permitted by the New Jersey Court Rules, and may result in subsequent disciplinary proceedings before the Committee for failure to comply with an Order of the Committee.

- 3. Ms. DeLellis has already paid all past renewal fees as well as the fee for the current licensure period and her certificate was reinstated effective in or about July 2008.
- 4. Failure on the part of the respondent to pay the civil penalty or, in the alternative, the installment payments timely will result in the filing of a certificate of debt. Additionally, failure to pay the civil penalty or to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order would constitute a violation of the Order, proof of which would constitute grounds for disciplinary action by the Board.

STATE BOARD OF COURT REPORTING

MARIANNE CAMMAROTA, C.C.R.

Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

GERALDINE A. DeLELLIS, C.C.R.

DATED: 2-23-09

